

AIR CLEANER AND EXPANDABLE FRAME THEREFOR**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to an air cleaner and an expandable frame for use with a conventional household air conditioning system with a return duct having an opening sized to receive a standard panel filter. The expandable air cleaner frame comprises a peripheral frame sized to be received within the opening in the return duct and a carrier coupled to the peripheral frame. The carrier supports an air conditioning element, such as a field charger or an electrostatic precipitator. The expandable air cleaner frame is movable between a collapsed position, wherein the effective thickness thereof is less than the opening, and an expanded position, wherein the effective thickness thereof is greater than the opening.